

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 26, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 118:

To be entitled an act to protect persons living on or improving Public Lands in this State; also,

Assembly bill No. 140:

To be entitled an act to define certain Judicial Proceedings; also, adopted

Senate Resolution relative to an appropriation for improving the navigation of the Caloosahatchie river, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day, and the resolution ordered to be enrolled.

Senate bill No. 62:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Solomon Rouse of Hamilton county,

Was read.

Mr. Wallace moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed; Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Walker, Wallace and Walls—12.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hill, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, Osgood, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—10.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. McGuire introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 77:

To be entitled an act to induce Immigration;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Richard, the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 27, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McMeekin, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—16.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Orman moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

The resolution of Mr. Walker, relative to instructions to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, was taken up.

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walker, Chairman of the Conference Committee, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Conference, to adjust the subject of difference between the Senate and Assembly on Assembly bill No. 131, the per diem of members and attaches of this Legislature, recommend that the Senate recede from its amendments on the per diem of members of the Legislature, and modify its amendments on the per diem of Messenger, so as to read, "the Messenger of the Senate five dollars per diem," and "Messengers of the Assembly three dollars per diem."

Respectfully submitted,

WHITFIELD WALKER, Ch'n.

Upon the question of the adoption of the report, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—10.

So the Senate adopted the report.

Senate bill No. 35 :

To be entitled an act authorizing the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain Indebtedness of the State for Taxes,

Was, on motion of Mr. Brantley, placed back on its second reading.

Mr. Orman moved that the bill, with amendments, be referred to a special committee of three, to be reported back to the Senate this afternoon ;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Hendry, Durkee and Walker appointed such committee.

Senate bill No. 65 :

To be entitled an act making Appropriations for the years 1877 and 1878,

Was read.

Mr. Lykes moved to insert, in line 21, "\$10,000 for maintenance of State Prison."

Mr. Brantley moved to amend by striking out "\$10,000," and inserting "\$5,000;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hill, Johnson, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson and Wallace—8.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Richard, Walls and Weeks—13.

So the Senate refused to accept.

Mr. Orman moved to amend by striking out "\$10,000," and inserting "\$6,000."

Mr. McKinnon moved to lay the amendment on the table ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Richard, Walls and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hill, Johnson, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, and Wallace—9.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Orman moved to amend by striking out "\$10,000," and inserting "\$7,000;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Johnson, McCaskill, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson and Wallace—9.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, Osgood, Richard, Walker and Weeks—11.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend by striking out "\$10,000" and inserting "\$8,000;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson and Wallace—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Lykes, Osgood, Richard, Walker and Weeks—9.

So the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

On the question of the adoption, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Hill, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson and Wallace—12.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Howell, Lykes, Osgood, Richard, Walker and Weeks—9.

So the amendment was adopted.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of his Private Secretary.

Mr. Lykes moved to strike out, in lines 30 and 31, "for maintenance of Lunatics, ——— dollars ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lykes moved to insert, in lines 32 and 33, "\$27,102," as per diem for members.

Mr. Wallace moved to strike out and insert "\$100."

Mr. Walker moved to lay the amendment on the table ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Johnson, McGuire, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

On the question of inserting \$27,102 as per diem for members of the Legislature,

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—10.

So the insertion was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved to amend as follows :

Strike out "\$3,000 for carrying prisoners to State Prison" and insert "\$1,000."

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Patterson, Walker and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Johnson, Meacham, Orman, Wallace and Walls—5.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Meacham moved to strike out "\$3,000" and insert "\$2,000."

Mr. Lykes moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Howell, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—14.

Nays—Messrs. Johnson, Meacham, Wallace and Walls—4.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Lykes moved to insert in lines 34 and 35, "\$3,618.40 for mileage for members;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to insert in lines 36 and 37, "\$6,264" for officers and attaches;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to insert in lines 33 and 39, "for printing, \$14,524.91;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment on the pay of Presidential Electors:

"That Frederick C. Humphries, Thos. W. Long, Wm. H. Holden and Charles H. Pearce, Electors, claim the same sums that were allowed James E. Yonge, Robert B. Hilton, Wilk. Call and Robert Bullock."

On the question of its adoption the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, Meacham and Walls—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McCaskill, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—11.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Osgood moved to insert after the word Yonge, "and C. H. Pearce;"

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Howell offered the following amendment:

"That Mr. Hewitt, Chairman of the Democratic Committee, pay Mr. Yonge;"

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Lykes offered the following amendment:

"For mileage and per diem of J. E. Yonge, going to Washington and returning from Washington, as messenger, \$235, provided said amount was not paid by the U. S. government;"

Upon the question of the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—11.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Johnson, Meaceam, Orman, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—8.

So the amendment was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow, and one hundred copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. McKinnon, the Senate adjourned.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—17.

A quorum present.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877.]

HON. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Senate bill No. 68:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Destruction of certain Bonds, Cancelled Coupons, Comptroller's Warrants and Treasury Certificates in the offices of the Treasurer and Comptroller.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877.)
HON. N. A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Senate Joint Resolution:

Asking Congress to authorize the Legislature of Florida to incorporate the Seminary Fund and the Agricultural College Fund into the Common School Fund of said State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying joint resolution ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877.)
HON. N. A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 192:

To be entitled an act in relation to certain State Bonds; and

Concurred in Senate amendments to Assembly amendments to Senate bill No. 17, relative to keeping in Good Repair the Public Roads and Highways.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 192 referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877.)
HON. N. A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 190:

To be entitled an act to revise an act entitled an act to estab-

lish and maintain a State Prison, approved January 26, 1871, And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 190 referred to the Committee on City and County Organizations.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 27, 1877.)
HON. N. A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has concurred in the request of the Senate relative to the appointment of a Committee of Conference to take into consideration the amendments of the Senate to Assembly bill No. 143: To be entitled an act to prevent trespass upon the Public Lands, and appointing Timber Agents and defining their duties, and appointed Messrs. McKinne, McClellan and Bishop as such committee on the part of the Assembly, and also adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution relative to a Mail Route from Lake Monroe to Salt Lake..

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877.)
HON. N. A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted

Senate Joint Resolution:

Relative to a Mail Route from Manatee to Fort Myers; and

Concurrent Resolution:

Relative to an appropriation for cleaning out the channel in Tampa Bay; and

Concurrent resolution:

Relative to a Port of Entry at Anclote Key.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Senate Joint Resolution ordered to be enrolled, and Concurrent Resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Tallahassee, Fla. February 27, 1877. }

Hon. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Senate bill No. 72:

To be entitled an act granting certain rights to the Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad Company; and has adopted

Assembly Concurrent Resolution, relative to a Mail Route from St. Marks to Apalachicola, via St. Teresa and Picketville.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very Respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Senate bill ordered to be enrolled, and Assembly Concurrent Resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Special committee made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877. }

Hon. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 25, beg leave to report the same back with the accompanying amendments, and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

F. A. HENDRY,
Chairman of Special Committee.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877. }

Hon. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 27:

To be entitled an act to Incorporate the South Florida Internal Improvement and Construction Company,

Beg leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BARNES, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Agriculture made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877. }

Hon. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 200,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report favorably.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877. }

Hon. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was re-committed Assembly bill No. 144, with amendment, beg leave to report that after examining the same, they are of the opinion that said bill should not be encumbered with the amendment, and recommend that the bill be passed without the amendment.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Militia made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., February 27, 1877. }

Hon. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Militia, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 199, to be entitled an act to authorize the enrolling of the officers and members of the Key West Rifles in the Militia of the State, and to empower the Governor to issue them arms of the State, have examined the same, and recommend that the bill pass.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. RICHARD, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 38:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Robert S. Williams, Report the same back to the Senate.

Respectfully,

A. D. McKINNON, Ch'n.

Which was read, and re-referred to the Committee on Claims. A resolution relative to a Mail Route from St. Marks to Apalachicola, via St. Teresa and Picketville,

Was read and adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution, relative to a Mail Route from Marianna to Freeport, Fla.,

Was read and adopted.

The Joint Enrolling Committee made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they have this day, February 27, 1877, presented to his Excellency, Geo. F. Frew, Governor of the State of Florida, acts properly enrolled, and certified, and endorsed, of the following titles, to-wit:

An act to authorize William Miller to dig a Canal in Washington county.

An act to prevent persons from Changing their Names without authority of law.

An act further to define the duties of the Comptroller as to reports of defaulters in the payment of amounts due the State.

An act to amend section 9 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lake Wimico and St. Joseph's Bay Canal and Navigation Company, approved February 18, 1872.

An act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Memorial to Congress, relating to recession of part of the Naval Reserve in Escambia county to the State of Florida.

Resolution asking for a Mail Route from Tuckertown, in Hernando county, to Bartow, in Polk county.

Memorial to Congress for the establishment of a tri-weekly Mail Route from Lake City, via Suwannee Shoals and Bula, to Blount's Ferry, in Columbia county, Florida, and return via Ancona, Bula, White Springs, in Hamilton county, and Farmersville, in Columbia county, to Lake City.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. McGuire, Chairman of a Special Committee, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee appointed to ascertain from Hon. John Varnum information in reference to outstanding bonds belonging to the Agricultural College Fund, report that the Hon. John Varnum is absent from the city, and your committee have no opportunity of obtaining the information desired.

JOHN J. MCGUIRE,
F. M. McMEEKIN,
J. H. DURKEE.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 38:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Robert S. Williams, Was read the second time.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 59:

To be entitled an act incorporating the Withlacoochee River Navigation Company.

Mr. Lykes offered to amend by adding to the list of corporators A. E. Hodges, E. J. Lutterloh and S. C. Reddick;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—17.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 72:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Internal Improvement and Construction Company,

Was read the second time.

Under a suspension of the rule, the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 138:

To be entitled an act to amend section five and to repeal section four of an act entitled an act to provide for maintenance, care and custody of Lunatics or Insane Persons in this State, approved December 27, 1856, and to further provide for the maintenance, care and custody of Lunatics and Insane Persons,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. McMeekin, the rule was suspended and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17.

Nays—Mr. Osgood—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 35:

To be entitled an act authorizing the Collectors of Revenue to receive certain indebtedness of the State for Taxes,

Was read.

Mr. Hendry offered the following amendment:

Be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, all State taxes assessed upon the property and people of this State shall be paid in State scrip or any other evidence of State indebtedness issued after the first day of January 1877, or United States currency;

Which was read.

Mr. McCaskill offered the following as an amendment to the amendment:

Provided, however, That this section shall in no way be so construed as to relieve the State from a full compliance with an act relating to the indebtedness of the State, approved February 21, 1873;

Mr. Orman moved to lay the amendment to the amendment on the table.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—15.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Lykes, McCaskill, McMeekin and Walls—4.

So the amendment to the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Richard moved to strike out "issued after the first day of January, 1877";

Which was adopted.

The amendment offered by Mr. Hendry was adopted.

Mr. Hendry moved the following as an amendment to Section 4;

Be it further enacted, That the Comptroller of this State is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Governor, to fund the bonds of 1873, now on hand, into the floating indebtedness of the State issued prior to the 21st day of Feb'y, 1873, said bonds to be funded, as is provided for in the Laws of Florida, Chapter 1937, No. 3;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Lykes, McCaskill, McMeekin and Walls—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hendry, the rule was suspended and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—15.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Hill, Lykes, McCaskill, McMeekin, Osgood and Walls—8.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Hendry introduced

Senate bill No. 78:

To be entitled an act to authorize County Judges to register

persons entitled thereto in cases of vacancy in the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court;

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, the rule was suspended and the bill read the second and third times and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Howell, McMeekin, Orman and Wallace—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till half-past eight o'clock.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President being absent, on motion of Mr. McGuire, Mr. McCaskill took the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—17.

A quorum present.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to enforce Mechanics' and Laborers' liens on buildings and other property, approved August 4, 1868, have considered the same, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 65:

To be entitled an act making Appropriations for the years 1877 and 1878,

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WEEKS, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Education made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 27, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 64:

To be entitled an act in relation to the Florida Agricultural College, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

G. C. BRANTLEY, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on City and County Organizations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organizations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 69:

To be entitled an act supplemental to an act changing the Boundary Line between Marion and Levy counties, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BARNES, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill No. 50:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate Quarantine, approved June 19, 1869, and the second section of an act to enforce the collection of Penalties for the violation of Quarantine, approved June 6, 1870,

Was, on motion of Mr. Barnes, postponed till to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 100:

To be entitled an act to amend sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to enforce Mechanics' and Laborers' Liens on buildings, or other property, approved August 4, 1868,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 64:

To be entitled an act in relation to the Florida Agricultural College,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—15.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 69:

To be entitled an act supplemental to an act changing the boundary line between Marion and Levy county,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Barnes offered the following amendment;

In Section 1, insert after Marion county, the words, "residing in the District added to Levy county."

On motion of Mr. Walker, the further consideration of the bill was postponed till to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 136:

To be entitled an act to repeal section 9 of an act entitled an act to organize the office of Attorney-General of the State of Florida, approved July 23d, 1845, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Hill, Howell, Johnson, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—14.

Nays—Mr. Osgood—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 199:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Enrollment of the Officers and Members of the Key West Rifles in the Militia of the State, and to empower the Governor to issue them Arms of the State,

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Hendry, Johnson, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood and Walls—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 200:

To be entitled an act to regulate the traffic in certain Products of this State,

Was read the second time, and the amendments reported by the Committee: In section 2, last line, strike out "five" and insert "one," were adopted.

Mr. Osgood moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—3.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Walls—13.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Hendry moved that the rule be suspended, and the bill read the third time;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson,

McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—4.

So the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Hendry, Johnson, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Osgood, the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—13.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Johnson moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

Joint Resolution in regard to the Pacific Railroad,

Was read.

Upon the question of the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—20.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Resolution relative to the Twenty-first Senatorial District,

Was read, and further consideration postponed until tomorrow.

The Committee on Railroads made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, beg leave to report that they have had under consideration,

A bill to be entitled an act to confer certain Privileges upon the St. Johns, Lake Eustis and Gulf Railroad Company, and a majority of said committee have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BARNES, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Appropriations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 28, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 77:

Beg leave to report the same back to the Senate without any recommendation.

Very respectfully,

H. T. LYKES, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 28, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom were referred

Assembly bills Nos. 119 and 78:

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend their passage.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Ch'n.